

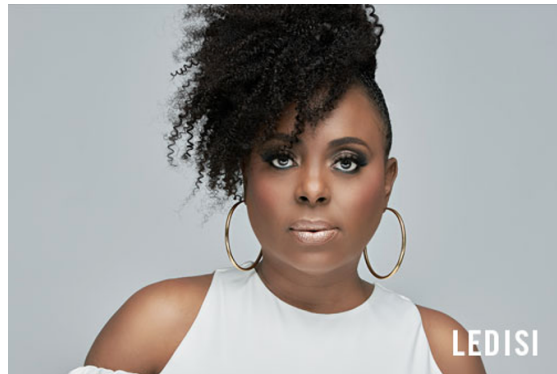
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San Jose Jazz  
Presents



32<sup>nd</sup> SAN JOSE JAZZ SUMMER FEST  
Friday, August 12 - Sunday, August 14, 2022  
Plaza de César Chavez Park, Downtown San Jose, Calif.  
Event Info: [summerfest.sanjosejazz.org](http://summerfest.sanjosejazz.org)

*Silicon Valley's Premier Music Event  
Returns to Downtown San Jose with An Electrifying Artist Lineup  
For One of the Summer's Major SF Bay Area Music Festivals*



**First Round -- Artist Lineup Announcement:**

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["Early Bird" Tickets On Sale Now](#)  
(Tickets: \$30 - \$190/Day; \$75 - \$495/3-Day Passes)

**San Jose, Calif.** – Silicon Valley's premier annual music event, **San Jose Jazz Summer Fest 2022** returns for its 32<sup>nd</sup> festival season from Friday, August 12 through Sunday, August 14 in and around Plaza de César Chavez Park in downtown San Jose, Calif. Renowned as one of North America's foremost music events with its dynamic multi-day programming, **San Jose Jazz** presents a riveting artist lineup for one of the summer's major San Francisco Bay Area outdoor music festivals. SJZ Summer Fest 2022 features nearly 100 acts across more than eight stages with acclaimed headliner **Ledisi** and others soon to be announced performing on **The Sobrato Organization Main Stage**. SJZ Summer Fest 2022 serves as a platform honoring the vibrancy of the jazz art form with marquee performances by lauded artists as well as influential trendsetters pushing the

genre into new territories within today's popular music. Limited three-day festival passes are now on sale at Early Bird prices at [summerfest.sanjosejazz.org](http://summerfest.sanjosejazz.org).

**San Jose Jazz Summer Fest 2022** is thrilled to officially announce today its initial round of confirmed artists including **Ledisi; Judith Hill; Javon Jackson's "Charlie Parker at 100," Ft. Gary Bartz, Charles McPherson & Donald Harrison; The Brubeck Brothers; Telmary & Friends; Joel Ross; Takuya Kuroda Quintet; Bobby Watson, Curtis Lundy, Jeremy Pelt, Cyrus Chestnut & Victor Jones; Lemon Bucket Orchestra; New Orleans Suspects with Erika Falls; Tribute to Clifford Coulter; Jazz Organ Fellowship Tribute to Tony Monaco; Jazz Organ Foundation Celebrates Dr. Lonnie Smith; Diunna Greenleaf; Aki Kumar; Memphissippi Sound; 7th Street Big Band; Tribal Gold; Silvana Astrada; Erica Falls; ADG7**, and many more acts to be announced soon!

"San Jose Jazz Summer Fest 2022 will greater reflect the trajectory of our flagship annual music event as we climb out of the pandemic and return to the look and feel of SJZ Summer Fest that music fans have come to love," says **San Jose Jazz's Executive Director Brendan Rawson**. "For 2022, we've looked closely at our role as a cultural organization and the responsibility we have to the residents of the South Bay. We are very passionate about providing top tier programming that's both global in scope as well as reflective of San Jose. We greatly look forward to welcoming back patrons to a larger footprint than in 2021 with over eight stages of exciting outdoor and indoor concerts."

**Artistic Director Bruce Labadie**, one of the event's founders, programs the artists for SJZ Summer Fest with the help of locally based co-curators.

Labadie comments, "Attendees of SJZ Summer Fest 2022 can expect the same experience as years past with a wide variety of outstanding artists set to perform on our stages. We're working closely with the city to ensure a safe environment for all while many of today's best acts perform throughout downtown. Live concerts will be centered around Plaza de César Chavez Park with our favorite vendors offering delicious foods and beverages, and creative crafts. With three outdoor stages and five indoor stages, there is excellent programming that will appeal to an array of music fans."

San Jose Jazz steps forward to help bring the city of San Jose back to life and rebuild its inclusive community through cultural collaborations with many longstanding partners of the festival. While The Sobrato Organization Main Stage ignites with GRAMMY Award-winning artists, the **Blues/Big Easy Stage** in partnership with **Jay Meduri** of the legendary South Bay venue Poor House Bistro features blues and New Orleans acts in the South portion of Plaza de César Chavez Park. **San Jose Museum of Art Stage** puts the spotlight on emerging youth talent performing free shows on Saturday, Aug. 13 and Sunday, Aug. 14. The historic 1936 venue **Montgomery Theater** brings its elegant décor and great acoustics to SJZ Summer Fest as one of four premier indoor concert spaces for national and regional artists. Additional indoor venues include the **Hammer Theatre, Hammer4, and SJZ Break Room**. Local curatorial and performance partners also include **Mosaic America, Bloco do Sol, Jazz Organ Fellowship, Little Village Foundation, and Universal Grammar**.

Supported by **Abierto Funds** from the **City of San José**, the **Latin Tropical Stage** will be a free, community venue this year. It remains a pillar of San Jose Jazz Summer Fest 2022 with Latin and salsa music lovers traveling to downtown San Jose from the far stretches of the West Coast for a chance to dance to incredible acts performing *timba, son, mambo, and Jíbaro*. San Jose Jazz Latin Music Coordinator and Latin Tropical Stage curator **Betto Arcos** is an expert on Latin American and global music, and is celebrated for his reporting on **NPR, PRI "The World," and the BBC**. Arcos curates the finest Latin and salsa acts with free shows on August 13 & 14, 2022 (salsa lineup will be announced in the coming weeks).

Housed on South 1<sup>st</sup> Street inside San Jose Jazz's downtown office with a multi-media digital video wall featuring the latest in HD technology, **The SJZ Break Room** hosts three days of indoor shows with all live performances projection-mapped with Ultra-Short Throw Projectors onto high-end projection fabric mounted on motorized rollers. Sound from outdoor speakers and projections fill a 35 x 14 feet bank of floor to ceiling windows, providing a unique outdoor concert experience on San Carlos Street in addition to the wristband-accessed live indoor shows (100-person capacity venue).

### **Headliner Highlights – The Sobrato Organization Main Stage**

#### **Ledisi (Sunday, August 14 @ 6pm)**

2021 **GRAMMY-Award** winner **Ledisi** is a 14-time GRAMMY nominated powerhouse vocalist who has garnered three **Soul Train Music Awards**, an **NAACP Theater Award** and thirteen **NAACP Image Award** nominations. Most recently, Ledisi received two **LA Alliance Ovation Award** nominations, one for "Best Featured Actress in a Musical." Born in New Orleans and raised in Oakland, CA, Ledisi has truly earned a place in the pantheon of the greatest singers of her generation.

Ledisi is a favorite of **former President Obama** as well as a long list of icons including the late-**Prince, Patti LaBelle, Smokey Robinson, Stevie Wonder, Chaka Khan**, and many more. No stranger to the film and television world, Ledisi landed a role in her first feature in 2008, singing in the **George Clooney** directed film, *Leatherheads*. In 2015, she portrayed the great **Mahalia Jackson** in the Oscar-nominated movie, *Selma* and had a notable performance in **Gabourney Sidibe's Shatterbox Anthology** film, *The Tale Of Four*. Ledisi secured her first television role playing the legendary **Patti LaBelle** on the hit BET series, *American Soul*. She also starred in the BET+ drama, *Twice Bitten*. In 2021, Ledisi landed the starring role in the film *Remember Me: The Story of Mahalia Jackson*. To cap off an amazing year, she will also portray the incomparable **Gladys Knight** in the long-awaited film based on **Neil Bogart's** career, *Spinning Gold*, the story of **Casablanca Records**.

### **Lemon Bucket Orkestra**

**Lemon Bucket Orkestra** performs music from their latest album, *IIHTS*, which draws from a myriad of folk traditions across Eastern Europe. *IIHTS* is a song cycle inspired by a century old Slavic prison ballad that tells the story of a young rebel coming home after laying it all on the line. The group's work draws emotional weight from the band's personal experiences with the **Russian invasion of Ukraine**, and also highlights the dozen-strong ensemble's party-punk roots and attitude, which has developed since their formative days busking on the streets of Toronto.

### **San Jose Jazz Summer Fest 2022 – General Information**

Arts and cultural programmers are the heartbeat of renewal and restoration efforts following the COVID-19 pandemic. San Jose Jazz remains a leading Bay Area institution upholding downtown San Jose as an exciting hub for arts and entertainment while adhering to all Santa Clara County COVID-19 protocols for large events.

San Jose Jazz partners with **Team San Jose** and hotel concierges to feature sets by live jazz bands in lobbies across downtown from August 12 - 14.

Returning sponsors for the SJZ Summer Fest 2021 include **The Sobrato Organization** and media partners *DownBeat* Magazine and **KCSM Jazz 91**.

Additional acts and exciting new programs for SJZ Summer Fest 2022 will be announced soon.

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Artist interviews are available upon request.

### **San Jose Jazz Summer Fest 2022 – Ticket Information**

#### **3-Day Pass Adult VIP (\$400 early bird; \$430 advance; \$495 gate)**

Includes access to all stages and Premium Seating Area at the Sobrato Organization Main Stage. Unlimited access to the VIP Pavilion near the Main Stage with two drink tickets and a packaged snack on Friday, and four drink tickets and two boxed meals per day, Saturday & Sunday. Drink tickets may be redeemed for alcoholic beverages in the VIP Pavilion only. Drink tickets may also be used for water and soft drinks at any Fest beverage booth. Water and soft drinks are free and unlimited in the VIP Pavilion. VIP ticketholders also have Priority, "first-in" access to indoor stages, 15 minutes before downbeat. If the venue is full, VIP and Priority Access ticketholders will be in line first to get in when seats become available.

#### **3-Day Pass Adult PRIORITY ACCESS (\$235 early bird; \$260 advance; \$285 gate)**

Access to all stages, Fri–Sun, Aug. 12–14 as well as access to a special seating area near the Main Stage. Plus "first-in" access to indoor stages, 15 minutes before downbeat. If the venue is full, Priority Access and VIP ticketholders will be the first to get in when seats become available. \$20 in beverage coupons.

**3-Day Pass Adult ALL STAGES (\$120 early bird; \$135 advance; \$150 gate)**

Basic access to all Indoor Fest Venues, Fri-Sun, Aug. 12-14. Access to indoor stages after Priority Access and VIP ticket holders are seated and may be limited.

**3-Day Pass Adult GENERAL ADMISSION (GA) (\$75 early bird; \$85 advance; \$105 gate)**

Basic access to the Main Stage and all other outdoor stages

**3-Day Pass Child (\$30)**

Admission for one child aged 5-12, with access to stages and hospitality areas at SJZ Summer Fest according to the access level of an accompanying adult. This low-priced ticket is designed to allow families to affordably enjoy the Fest and is not discounted from the Gate Price.

**About San Jose Jazz**

Founded in 1986, San Jose Jazz is a public benefit organization celebrating jazz as a dynamic, evolving art form and is producer of the annual San Jose Jazz Summer Fest and Winter Fest. San Jose Jazz innovates trend-setting initiatives to foster artistic ingenuity and preserve the jazz tradition as a forward-thinking movement. Through diverse music and educational programming, San Jose Jazz offers singular content and events by investing in the SF Bay Area ecosystem of exceptional talent for local and national audiences to enjoy.

For more information, please visit [sanjosejazz.org](http://sanjosejazz.org).

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Artist interviews and hi-res photos are available upon request.

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